

West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service

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WEST VIRGINIA CROP ACREAGE FOR 2002

WEST VIRGINIA -- Winter wheat planted in West Virginia for 2002 is estimated at 12,000 acres, unchanged from the year 2001. The projected harvest of 9,000 acres is up 13 percent, or 1,000 acres from last year.

Corn planted is estimated at 50,000 acres, the same as last year. Growers expect to harvest 30,000 acres for grain, up 15 percent, or 4,000 acres from last year.

Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 18,000, an increase of 6 percent, or 1,000 acres from 2001. Harvested acreage is projected at 17,000, 6 percent, or 1,000 acres more than was harvested in 2001.

Tobacco area for harvest is expected to total 1,300 acres, unchanged from the year 2001.

All hay harvested is forecast at 570,000 acres, down 2 percent or 10,000 acres from the year 2001. Other hay harvested is expected to be 520,000 acres, also down 2 percent, or 10,000 acres from last year's harvest. Alfalfa hay harvested is expected to total 50,000 acres, the same as last year.

These estimates were based on results from the June 1, 2002, Agricultural Survey.

UNITED STATES WITH 2001 COMPARISONS

- Corn planted for all purposes - 78.9 million acres, up 4 percent.
 - Biotechnology varieties as a percent of corn planted:
 - Bt - 22% of 2002 crop, 18% of 2001 crop;
 - Herbicide Resistant - 9% of 2002 crop, 7% of 2001 crop;
 - Stacked Gene - 2% of 2002 crop, 1% of 2001 crop;
 - All Biotech varieties - 34% of 2002 crop, 26% of 2001 crop.
- Corn harvested for grain - 72.1 million acres, up 5 percent.
- Winter wheat planted - 41.4 million acres, up less than 1 percent.
- Winter wheat harvested for grain - 29.8 million acres, down 5 percent.
- Oats planted - 5.09 million acres, up 15 percent.
- Oats harvested for grain - 2.63 million acres, up 38 percent.
- All tobacco harvested - 435,360 acres, up 1 percent.
- Burley tobacco harvested - 161,400 acres, down 2 percent.
- All hay for harvest - 64.7 million acres, up less than 2 percent.
- Alfalfa hay for harvest - 24.1 million acres, up 1 percent.
- Other hay for harvest - 40.6 million acres, up 2 percent.
- Soybeans planted - 73.0 million acres, down 2 percent.
 - Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all soybeans planted:
 - Herbicide Resistant only - 75% of 2002 crop, 68% of 2001 crop
- Soybeans for harvest - 72.0 million acres, down 1 percent.

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